

Please do not allow the Bell companies to completely own what they already dominate. Competition requires competitors to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will be torpedoed. ISPs and CLECs will die and consumers will be deprived of choice. Please do not do it. Chairman Powell: Please do not favor BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and small businesses.